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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### Tourist Trade

THE observations of a group of travel and tourist agents who have just concluded a study of Hong-kong's potentialities as a tourists' centre will create general interest in the Colony, and should attract the special attention of Government, which recently took the step of establishing an official department charged with the task of finding ways and means of stimulating more tourists to include Hongkong in their itineraries. That the general consensus of the travel agents is the Colony is attractive enough to make itself a "must" for tourists is flattering. Nevertheless, cognisance needs to be taken of the criticisms which they also advanced. Chief complaint, not unnaturally, was that our airport is considered dangerous by air tourists, and that additionally, Kai Tak lacks proper facilities for passengers, both arriving and departing. The first part of this criticism will, of course, be met when the Kai Tak extension project is fulfilled — unhappily not for some time to come. But there is no reason why facilities for passengers should not be improved without delay. Air travellers, whether tourists or on business flights, are entitled to normal comforts at air ports, and if these are denied, visitors will think twice about coming to Hongkong. Government's interest in the subject of developing Hongkong's tourist trade is well placed, but the project carries with it responsibilities which cannot be ignored. Where there are shortcomings in facilities for visitors which can be officially remedied, the necessary action must be taken. Passenger accommodation at Kai Tak is one example. The Colony has sufficiently rehabilitated itself where it can seriously embark on catering for an ever-increasing flow of tourists. We possess the amenities and the attractions and there should be no hesitation in improving facilities where at the moment they are inadequate or detrimental to the tourist trade.

### A Sullen Peace

THE longest and most damaging dock strike in the history of the port of New York has just ended, but the dispute that started it a month before remains unresolved. It was simply smothered by a threat from the National Labour Relations Board which the striking International Longshoremen's Association called "unprecedented and illegal." So the New York waterfront is just as unhappy as ever. The ILA feels that it has been bullied into submission. Its returning workers are sullen and unappetised. The American Federation of Labour has so far no guaranteed privilege to work the piers, though some piers are keeping on American Federation of Labour men who broke the strike. One observer has said that the ILA has been wounded by a succession of blows from the Government and it may never recover. Yet it has dictated the labouring conditions of the port for at least 40 years and has powerful allies, not least in highly respectable shipping firms who are loth to break up old working agreements. The chances are slim that any long peace will break out over the New York waterfront. As it is, New York has lost US\$30m. in business, and \$500m. worth of cargoes have been diverted to Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Norfolk, Virginia. Many import houses and shipping companies are now arranging to move their business once and for all away from this embattled and unreliable port of entry.

# OPPENHEIMER SENSATION

## Train Blown Up: 60 Die

Phnompenh, Apr. 13. The French authorities announced today that the Communists had blown up a train between here and Battambang in a blast that first reports said killed 60 persons.

The authorities said there were many injured among the passengers. French and Cambodian Army units hurried to the scene of the explosion. Other details were not immediately available.

The Vietnamese attack came in a region considered hitherto as safe from Communist infiltration. Battambang is 125 miles northwest of the Royal capital of Phnompenh.

The attack occurred less than a week after Cambodia's pro-Western regime declared all-out war on the rebel invaders who cut into the Northern provinces last month. — United Press.

## Dien Bien Phu Defenders Alerted

### Rebels Ready For New Offensive

Hanoi, Apr. 13. Vietnamese siege guns pounded French defences at Dien Bien Phu today and Colonel Christian de Castries alerted his embattled garrison for what may be the big Red push.

Late reports said General Vo Nguyen Giap has completed building up the rebel legions for the third round assault on the beleaguered fortress. Colonel de Castries reported by radio to headquarters here that his positions were under "intense" enemy shelling. He said he had alerted his "fighting force" for a possible Vietnamese attack when the barrage is lifted.

French officials here said Giap now had four freshly-reinforced regular divisions in addition to thousands of battle-tested irregulars massed around the French bastion in Northwestern Indo-China. A Vietnamese division numbers up to 10,000 men.

French armoured one-ton blockbusters for an assault today on the rebel supply lines funneling men and ammunition to Dien Bien Phu. — United Press.

### REBELS READY

Hanoi, Apr. 13. Four Vietnamese divisions reinforced with fresh troops, especially young recruits and modern equipment, are about to start the third phase of the general offensive against Dien Bien Phu.

This, at least, is the feeling of the French Command here, who used the brief respite last week to parachute the maximum of ammunition, medical supplies and men into the besieged fortress.

Newspapers dropped into the camp every day tell the men there the whole world has its eyes on them.

For eight days now no wounded have been evacuated and doctors working in the stifling atmosphere of the improvised hospital have done miracles daily in caring for the men of the besieged camp. — France-Press.

## Action Taken By Eisenhower INVESTIGATION ORDERED

Washington, Apr. 13. President Eisenhower had directed that a "blank wall" be placed between the physicist, Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, and any secret atomic information, pending a security investigation, the Atomic Energy Commission revealed today.

The Commission issued a statement announcing that in response to Dr Oppenheimer's request for a hearing, following his suspension from the post of adviser on atomic matters of the Commission, a Board had been established to hear the case and advise the Commission on whether or not the suspension or clearance of Dr Oppenheimer should be made permanent.

The AEC statement said: "The President, in consultation with the Secretary of Defence and the Director of the Office of Defence Mobilisation, directed that pending a security review of the material in the file, a blank wall be placed between Dr Oppenheimer and any secret data, and that without prejudging the issue, established procedures should be followed."

The statement disclosed that Dr Oppenheimer had requested a hearing and added: "A board was accordingly established for the purpose of hearing the case and advising the commission as to whether or not the suspension or clearance of Dr Oppenheimer should be made permanent."

Three New York newspapers reported earlier today that Dr Oppenheimer, who is 50, had been suspended from all his official posts on security grounds. — Reuter.

### TWO MAIN CHARGES

Washington, Apr. 13. The Government disclosed today that Dr Robert Oppenheimer was stripped of access to A-bomb and H-bomb secrets by President Eisenhower on the basis of "substantial derogatory information" reported to him by the Justice Department.

This disclosure was made by the Atomic Energy Commission which stated, in addition, that the world famous "Mr Atom" has been suspended not only as a scientific consultant of the AEC but also as a member of the Defence Mobilisation Office's science advisory commission.

The AEC spoke out after Oppenheimer himself had released to the Press documents detailing charges against him and his reply.

The noted nuclear physicist, credited more than any other individual with mastering development of United States atomic weapons, is accused of two main charges: past close association with Communists and Communist causes, and with delaying United States H-bomb development.

In his reply, demanding a hearing, Oppenheimer denied he was ever a member of the Communist Party and asserted that he did not oppose H-bomb development once it became an official project of the Government.

A special AEC personnel security board, headed by former Army Secretary Gordon Gray, is hearing the charges against Oppenheimer and his defence. A final decision may be forthcoming in about two weeks.

Meanwhile, Oppenheimer is denied all clearance to Government secrets, including those of the AEC and the Defence Mobilisation Scientific Committee headed by Dr Lee A. DuBridge, President of the California Institute of Technology.

### DEC. 23 LETTER

The documents released by Oppenheimer included a letter to him in which Major-General K. D. Nichols, AEC General Manager, advised him of the charges and of the procedure for answering them. It was dated December 23, 1953, and contained Oppenheimer's statement that he was suspended from access to restricted information.

But the AEC statement disclosed that steps to deprive this 50-year-old scientist of secret material began shortly after Mr Lewis L. Strauss, one of the original Commission members, returned to the AEC as Chairman.

Oppenheimer, whose connection with the United States atomic project began in the early 1940's when the A-bomb was merely a theoretical possibility, is now President of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, New Jersey. From 1943 until the end of the war he was head of the super-secret A-bomb laboratory at Los Alamos, New Mexico.

He was a guiding figure on the AEC's General Advisory Committee, serving for five years as its Chairman.

News of his suspension hit his capital hard. His former colleagues were shocked. The man who made him chief of the Los Alamos Laboratory, Major-General Leslie R. Groves, took "full responsibility" for doing it. But he refused any other comment.

Joseph Volpe, Jr., former general counsel of the AEC and one-time close associate of Oppenheimer, called his suspension "a disgraceful event."

As a result of it, Volpe, said, Oppenheimer's "services" and advice are denied to the country.

### REPERCUSSIONS

The incident had repercussions abroad. In Austria, Dr Hans Thiering, a theoretical physicist who figured out, one version of the H-bomb in 1940, said, "Such treatment is a shame."

Congressional committees at once began looking into the Oppenheimer case. Chairman William E. Jenner (Republican, Indiana) told "the staff of his Senate Internal Security Subcommittee" that he was "convinced" that Oppenheimer was a spy.



An African, with his arms bound, lies in the back of a police lorry near Nairobi, less than an hour after four-year-old Andrew Stephens had been killed as he was playing outside his home. In this picture the man, who was later identified as Gichocho and admitted taking the Mau Mau oath, is being questioned by police officers. Since then he has been charged with murder. — London Express Photo.

## Chiang's Invasion Of Mainland Under Informal Discussion

Washington, Apr. 13. Diplomatic sources said today that Chinese Nationalist officials and U.S. authorities have discussed "informally" the possibility of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's forces on Formosa invading the South China mainland if the non-Communist nations find themselves involved in joint military action against the Reds in Indo-China and the rest of Southeast Asia.

They emphasised that this did not mean the inclusion of Nationalist China in the proposed "united front" pact against further Communist aggression in the area. They said an invasion by President Chiang would be "supplemental" but timed to exert maximum pressure on the Reds if the anti-Communist defence alliance leads to open warfare.

Atties of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles have reported that he believes the communist hold on South China is tenuous and an invasion from Formosa might enlist enough indigenous support to crack the authority of the regime in all the territory south of the Yangtze River.

A high American defence official last week indicated the importance the US attaches to President Chiang's forces as a thorn in the side of the Chinese Reds. Major-Gen. George C. Stewart, director of the Defence Department's office of military assistance, told the House Foreign Affairs Committee that Generalissimo Chiang's forces act as a restraining influence against any aggressive designs of the Communist Chinese forces on the mainland.

Diplomats said American officials both here and in Formosa "talk about more than just defence" when they discuss military matters with the Nationalists.

## Return With Contracts

London, Apr. 14. Nine members of a party of 22 British businessmen arrived at London airport last night from Hungary and reported deals totalling £350,000.

A statement issued by them said: "Immediate business has been transacted to a total of £350,000 in textiles, chemicals, drugs and metals."

"Technical discussions on contracts for engineering items were carried on to an advanced stage and will be completed in the United Kingdom."

"The value of these additional contracts in the region of £450,000, covering trade during 1954 in electrical equipment, diesel engines, tables, instruments, heavy chemicals, special steels and other metals." — Reuter.

## NATIONALIST REQUEST

Meanwhile, Nationalist officials in Washington are said to be pressing the State Department to bring about a stronger diplomatic offensive against the Chinese Reds.

They have suggested that the United States ask the Western European nations, which have recognised Peking, to withdraw that recognition.

Britain, the Netherlands, Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Switzerland have recognised the Peking Government but the Reds have not reciprocated in the cases of Britain and the Netherlands.

The Nationalist argument is that withdrawal of recognition, especially by Britain and the Netherlands, would be a "cheap way" to exert pressure against the Chinese Reds.

The Nationalist contention is that the withdrawal of this recognition would show the masses of China that the Peking regime does not enjoy the prestige abroad that it claims.

## SENATOR'S PROPOSAL

Senator Paul Douglas (Democrat, Illinois) proposed tonight that Chinese Nationalist troops on Formosa be used in the fight against Communist-led rebels in Indo-China.

Although he described Chiang Kai-shek's government as one of "corruption and a terror regime," Senator Douglas said President Chiang's forces would be a "very distinct help" to the beleaguered French and Vietnamese.

## New Split In Labour Party

London, Apr. 14. Mr Aneurin Bevan, Socialist left-winger, was involved in a bitter clash with the official Labour leadership last night after he had attacked the decisions of the Eden-Dulles meeting here on Far East issues.

The internal Labour row blew up after Mr Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, had reported to the House of Commons on his talks with Mr John Foster Dulles, United States Secretary of State.

Mr Eden announced Britain and America were prepared to examine the possibility of establishing a collective defence for Southeast Asia and the Western Pacific.

Mr Bevan angrily charged that this would be "universally regarded as a surrender to American pressure." He declared it would be deeply resented by the majority of people in Britain.

### DANGER "OLD GUARD"

In contrast, Mr Clement Attlee, Labour Party leader, and Mr Emanuel Shinwell, former Defence Minister, took an uncritical line towards the Eden statement.

Immediately afterwards the Labour "shadow cabinet" — Parliamentary front bench — met in private and leading members of the party "old guard" angrily assailed Mr Bevan's outburst in the House of Commons.

Some were afraid that the left winger had committed himself to a snap judgment which might lay the Labour Party open to the charge of irresponsibility.

They were particularly annoyed that the Opposition should again be facing a major squabble so soon after its recent "down the middle" split over German rearmament.

But one section, while apparently regretting Mr Bevan's intervention, thought Mr Attlee should have urged that the Geneva conference should not be prejudiced by any action before it opens on April 28.

Mr Bevan, who is a member of the "shadow cabinet," was unable to attend part of the meeting because he was his party's chief speaker in a housing debate in the Commons.

### TODAY'S MEETING

The two-hour meeting had before it a motion put forward by a small group of Mr Bevan's adherents, including his wife, Miss Jennie Lee, MP, criticising Mr Eden's statement.

It obtained the agreement of the signatories to the proposal that the motion be considered today at a meeting of the full 293-member Parliamentary Labour Party. Mr Attlee will make a statement to the meeting giving the official leadership's view on the announcement. (Contd. on back page, Col. 4)

## Fear That Soviet Spies May Possess Woomera Secrets

London, Apr. 14. Commenting on possible repercussions of the information disclosed by Vladimir Petrov to the Australian authorities, Chapman Pincher, the Daily Express scientific correspondent, says it is feared in Britain his revelations may lead to the discovery of spying as widespread as that revealed in Canada in 1946 by the Russian cypher clerk Igor Gouzenko.

There are fears, continues Pincher, that Russian agents may have penetrated secrets of various British defence projects located in Australia. The greatest concern is felt for the Emu field testing ground, for it Communist agents infiltrated into the atom bomb test carried out last October they may have learned the secrets of an entirely new type of weapon believed to be unknown even to the Americans.

Pincher foresees that confirmation of serious espionage at Woomera could cripple relations with America on the long-range change of information relating to guided missiles.

Sir Winston Churchill and British security chiefs had been warned of Petrov's asylum bid before Mr Menzies made the announcement in the Australian parliament. — Our Own Correspondent.

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# US AID FOR ARAB STATES

## THIS YEAR Economic Assistance To Israel May Be Reduced

### Red Cross Decision On Atomic War

Geneva, Apr. 13. A commission of experts from 11 countries declared today that the only way to protect civilians in an atom age war is by limiting the power of modern weapons.

The experts, whose meeting was sponsored by the International Red Cross, had spent a week discussing the problem of legal protection of civilians and war victims from the dangers of modern aerial warfare and "blind" weapons.

In a statement when the conference ended, they said unrestricted use of nuclear weapons would make it virtually impossible for warring nations to distinguish between legitimate military targets and "protected" areas or between combatants and non-combatants.—Reuter.

## No Transfer Of African Territories

London, Apr. 13. The Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, told the House of Commons today there could be no question of the British Government agreeing at the present time to the transfer of the British protectorates of Bechuanaland, Basutoland and Swaziland to the Union of South Africa.

He was replying to Mr. R. W. Sorensen, a Labour member, who questioned him about a suggestion by Dr. Daniel Malan, South African Prime Minister, that the three protectorates should be transferred to the Union.

Sir Winston Churchill said Britain was pledged since the South Africa Act of 1909 not to transfer these territories until their inhabitants had been consulted and until the British Parliament had had an opportunity of expressing its views.

"General Hertzog himself in 1925 said that his party was not prepared to incorporate in the Union any territory unless its inhabitants wished it," the Prime Minister added.

"It is the interest as it is also the desire of this country and of South Africa that the friendship which has developed so strongly between us over the years should remain unbreakable."

Dr. Malan and his Government with whom we have hitherto happily co-operated on so many problems we share in common will not needlessly press an issue on which we could not fall in with their views without failing in our trust."

The Prime Minister's statement was greeted with a roar of cheers from both sides of the House.—Reuter.

## Film Of The Life Of Christ Abandoned

Plans for the production in France of an international film on the life of Christ have been abandoned. The project was promoted by an international company which aimed at producing the most ambitious religious film ever made.

The Master of the Dublin High Court adjourned until next term an application on behalf of the Munster and Leinster Bank, Cork, for the determination of questions concerning the disposal of £8,400 subscribed by people in Ireland towards a fund to finance the film.

It was said that the bank had been told that difficulties had arisen concerning the production of the film, to be known as "The Divine Tragedy," and that it had been decided not to proceed with the venture and wind up the fund. The bank held the money as trustee.

"The Divine Tragedy" was withdrawn.

The film was to have been made by Count de la Grandiere and filming was planned to begin in the autumn of 1949.

In October, 1949, Vatican Radio announced that Sir Stafford Cripps had given approval for £200,000 to be sent out of Britain as a contribution towards the cost.

Mr. Desmond Leslie, who organised the Irish appeal, said the project was abandoned about a year ago. Then the United States subscription was withdrawn.

"It had been available for three years and I suppose the Americans got tired of waiting for the money to come in from the other countries."

Washington, Apr. 13. The American Administration told Congress today it hopes to have an economic development programme, similar to the aid programme for Israel, started in the Arab countries before June 30, this year.

The plan was mentioned in testimony before the House Foreign Affairs Committee by the Assistant Secretary of State for the Near East, Mr. Henry Byroade, and the Foreign Operations Administration's Regional Director for the Middle East, Mr. Norman Paul.

Mr. Paul said the Administration hoped that American economic assistance to Israel for the 1955 financial year could be reduced from the figure for the 1953 financial year, \$70,000,000.

There are indications too that the current year's grant to Israel will be reduced to about \$32,000,000. Mr. Paul did not speak of the current year's total, however.

He said it may be possible to decrease aid to Israel because its economic position had improved as a result of steps taken by the Israelis themselves. Israel has secured a loan settling their short-term obligations, Mr. Paul said, and had reparations coming in from West Germany. They had kept living standards down "as low as they feel they can" and they have increased exports of agricultural commodities, he added.

Mr. Paul connected the delay in starting a similar economic programme in Arab lands, for which Congress authorized funds a year ago.

"We hope, that before the financial year is over, we will have programmes operating in some Arab countries, perhaps in Jordan and Lebanon to start with."

He said FAO hoped to extend the programme to Egypt and other Arab countries. It would be aid for specific development projects and would supplement the Point Four technical assistance the Arabs have been receiving for some time.

### TENSION "INEVITABLE"

Mr. Byroade, under questioning, defended the Administration's policy towards the Arabs and Israel. He said it was "inevitable" that America's attempt to create stability in the Middle East against the Soviet danger should create some tensions there for a while.

He said the process began two or three years ago and it may take another two or three years before the Arabs and the Israelis decided America's policy was really impartial.

"At the moment, they both think we are partial to the other," said Mr. Byroade. "What we regret is that the people in Israel over-exaggerate the dangers. It is not our intention to do anything that is going to endanger the State of Israel."

In the event of military aid being given to any Arab country, he said, the United States would ask for "formal guarantees" that the arms would not be used for aggression against Israel or other countries.

"We will not enter into an arrangement with any State if we doubt it," he declared.—United Press.

### AMERICA'S APPEAL

Washington, Apr. 13. The United States Government today appealed to Israel and the Arab countries to give up any policy based on force so as to reduce the tension in the Middle East.

A State Department spokesman made the appeal public in a statement to the Press.

The statement said that the United States had made efforts towards the adjustment of relations between Israel and the Arab states through peaceful means, but that before this aim could be achieved, both sides would have to alter their present attitude.

The statement said both sides should adopt a policy of co-operation instead of force and co-operate with the United Nations Armistice Control Organisation.—France-Press.

## Special Kind Of Freedom For Soviet Press

United Nations, Apr. 13. Russia contended today that the freedom of information report prepared by the Philippine delegate, Salvador Lopez, reflected the American viewpoint that such freedom should be used solely as an instrument in the cold war.

The Soviet delegate, Semyon Tsarapkin, told the Economic and Social Council that Mr. Lopez had the "absurd and ridiculous" idea that the Russian press was controlled by the State. He pointed out that Soviet newspapers freely criticised the Government and printed critical letters.

The Council is debating the question of freedom of information. The basis of discussion is the report Mr. Lopez prepared last year in his capacity as special rapporteur.

Mr. Tsarapkin said the real obstacle to such freedom is the "monopolistic" interests of the United States news agencies and certain newspapers. He said Mr. Lopez had ignored this fact.

The Soviet delegate referred to "monstrous and poisoning" articles in U.S. newspapers and magazines, describing the destructive capabilities of the H-bomb.

"This type of freedom of information we have never permitted at home and never will tolerate," he said.

The Lopez Report is full of slander against the Soviet Union and other countries, Mr. Tsarapkin said. He cited such phrases as "Cominform nations" and "satellites behind the Iron Curtain".—United Press.

## 120 Years Old But He Wants A Wife

Rajkot, India, Apr. 14. Khima Gokal Koli, a farmer of Banora village near here, announced that he is looking for a bride although he claims to be 120 years old.

He wants a woman who can cook soft chappatis (wheat bread) and churn butter, he said.

Khima has outlived two wives and five sons. A 60-year-old son by his second wife put his age at well over 100.—China Mail Special.

## Egypt's Warning To Iraq

Faroukia, Egypt, Apr. 13. Lieutenant-Colonel Gamal Abdel Nasser, Egyptian Vice-Premier, said today "pressure" was being turned on Iraq to join the Turkish-Pakistan friendship agreement.

"If Iraq joins such a pact," Colonel Nasser said, "Egypt would reconsider its entire position towards it and towards the Western powers."

He made this statement to reporters after distributing title deeds to 1,500 acres of rich land confiscated from a king-Farouk's estate to 611 landless peasants.

He said: "Any alliances of parts between a Moslem Arab country and the Western powers before Egypt settles her dispute with Britain over the Suez Canal is regarded by us as directed at breaking Moslem Arab unity."

He did not foresee a solution to the canal problem in the immediate future and would not share the optimism of the American Ambassador, Mr. Jefferson Caffery.

Mr. Caffery said recently that progress was being made on the question of withdrawal of British troops and that important results would be announced in the next three months.

OVER OPTIMISTIC  
"Mr. Caffery is always optimistic—over optimistic," Colonel Nasser said, adding that "for the last two years Mr. Caffery has been saying the British will leave in the next three months—and they are still here."

"The British are not willing to change their attitude towards the Canal problem," Colonel Nasser said.

He denied reports attributed to him that the Revolutionary Command Council was prepared to concede the automatic "re-activation" of the Canal base in the event of Turkey being attacked in return for the 4,000 British technicians who stay behind after the main British garrison leaves wearing civilian clothes.

There is no change in the situation since the Canal talks broke down last October 21, he said.

Colonel Nasser said the Egyptian and Arab peoples generally regarded American Point Four aid (aid for undeveloped areas) as "a form of American colonial penetration into the Middle East."

He said Communist propaganda had convinced the Arab peoples that American Point Four aid was working in favour of Britain maintaining her position in Egypt. The United States was more interested in Europe and the Far East.—Reuter.

London, Apr. 13. A Royal Air Force band is to sail on Wednesday from Southampton for a two and a half years' tour of duty with the Far East air force.

The 20 members of the band, one of the 10 major RAF bands, are sailing in the troopship Empire Orwell.

They are due in Singapore early next month.

Their leader is Flight Lieutenant W. G. Newman. This is the first band to be assigned to the Far East air force, and it will play in many remote centres as well as in the towns.—France-Press.

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## TALKS ON S-E ASIA ALLIANCE

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Washington, Apr. 13.

Responsible sources believe a 10-nation conference will be held in Honolulu to implement the collective defence alliance against Communism in South-East Asia, as soon as agreement on such a plan is reached.

The permanent headquarters of the proposed 10-nation coalition would probably be in some Asiatic country, with the Philippines favoured as the logical place from a geographical viewpoint, these sources said.

The first exchange of military views would probably occur at a conference in Honolulu, however, with Admiral Felix Stump, United States Commander-in-Chief for the Pacific convening it, according to the sources.

The prospects of the creation of an alliance appeared better since Great Britain and the United States announced officially in London that they had agreed to establish a "collective defence" system with other free nations to shield the South-East Asia area.

As a result of that agreement, informed sources in Washington believe that Australia and New Zealand will take a leading part in this defence planning. They observed that these two nations, despite their location close to South-East Asia, had looked to Britain to take the lead on policy.

Sources also said they thought France was likely to fall in line with the proposal when the Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, confers in Paris this week with Premier Joseph Laniel and Foreign Minister Georges Bidault. They said they felt the first diplomatic reactions from Paris indicated this.

A military meeting in Hawaii would follow preliminary consultation among the interested nations at a diplomatic level. Admiral Stump represents the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff in defence planning in the Pacific and it is understood the United States Defence Department is prepared to urge that he should call the conference as soon as the diplomats agree on the holding of military talks.

The sources pointed out that the Commander-in-Chief for the Pacific acts on behalf of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the ANZUS defence planning group in Honolulu where Australian and New Zealand defence experts also take part. Consequently, they said the nucleus of defence planning already exists in Honolulu.

They pointed out that the Chief of the United States military aid group in Indo-China, General John O'Daniel, reports directly to Admiral Stump.

Vietminh  
Offer Blood

Hangan, Apr. 13.  
Seventy Vietminh prisoners at the Thuda Military Camp here have offered to donate blood to help Franco-Vietnam wounded in recognition of the good treatment they have received in the prison camp.

The offer has been accepted by the camp commander.—France-Press.

Split Over  
Army Plan  
"Temporarily  
Patched"

Paris, Apr. 14.

The split in the French Cabinet over the European Army plan appeared to be temporarily patched up last night on the eve of today's consultations with the American Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, on Indo-China.

Gaullist Ministers, Senators and Deputies yesterday sharply criticized the French Government for approving the convention initiated earlier linking Britain with the proposed European army, and threatened that any move to bring the army into being would bring the resignation of the five Gaullist Ministers.

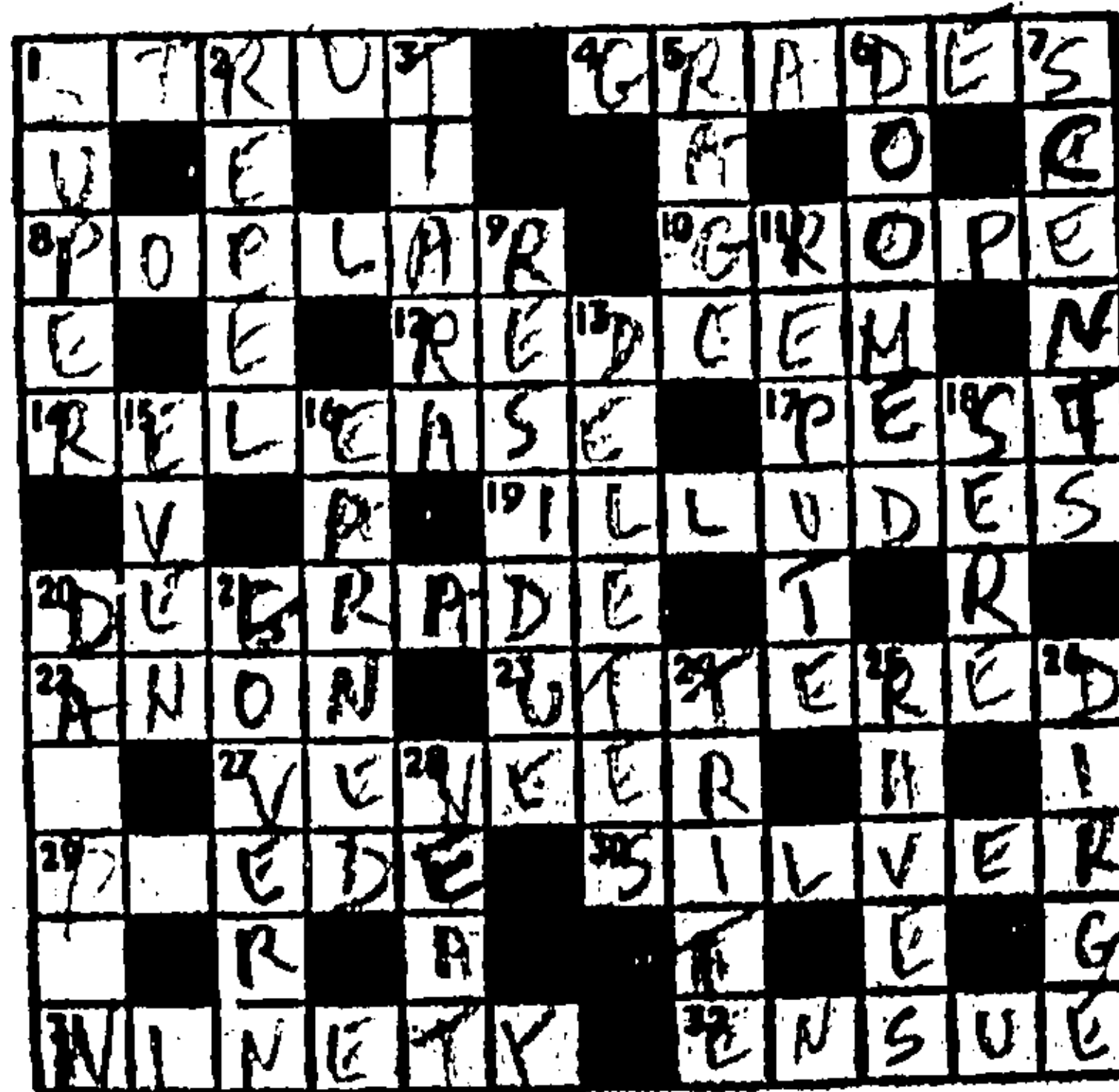
But after talks last night between Gaullist Ministers and the Popular Republican leader, M. Paul Henri Teitgen, it appeared that all would be well for the time being unless the Popular Republicans tried to get the next Cabinet meeting to fix a date for Parliamentary discussion of the European Army Treaty.

The Gaullist Parliamentary leader, M. Jacques Chaban Delmas, who was present at the meeting, afterwards expressed satisfaction at the assurance given earlier yesterday by the Premier, M. Joseph Laniel, that the convention with Britain did not commit France until it had been approved by Parliament and the European Army Treaty had been ratified.

M. Delmas said that so far as he was concerned there could be no question of the ratification debate starting in Parliament until France's preliminary conditions had been fulfilled, and it was for Parliament to judge whether they had been fulfilled or not.

The text of the convention will be published today, but informed quarters believe it promises that Britain will keep troops on the Continent as long as present tensions exist and will consult the E.D.C. before making any withdrawal.—Reuter.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS  
1 Swaggar (5).  
4 Classifies (6).  
6 Tree (6).  
10 Feel for (5).  
12 Ransom (6).  
14 Liberate (7).  
17 Plague (4).  
19 Deceives (7).  
20 Lower (7).  
22 Boon (4).  
23 Spoke (7).  
27 Thin coating (6).  
29 Vegetable (6).  
30 Frolicsome (6).  
31 Rip old age (6).  
32 Follow (5).

- DOWN  
1 Minor actor (5).  
2 Drive back (5).  
3 Diadem (6).  
5 Anger (6).  
6 Fated (6).  
7 Odours (6).  
8 Remainder (7).  
11 Fame (6).  
13 Expunges (7).  
14 Smooth (4).  
16 Merited (6).  
18 Withered (4).  
20 Fruit (6).  
21 Rule (6).  
22 Commonplace (6).  
23 Talks wildly (6).  
24 Mourning refrain (6).  
25 Tidy (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Gladly, 5 Able, 9 Aromatic, 11 Liberate, 13 Gear, 15 Desisted, 18 Earrings, 19 Clue, 21 Laid, 25 Minimal, 26 Fast, 27 Carceral, 29 Down, 31 Tail, 32 Club, 4 Lira, 5 Dime, 6 Outro, 7 Incor, 9 Arise, 10 Other, 12 Ideal, 16 Argue, 17 Drill, 19 Comic, 20 Owner, 21 Slay, 22 Code, 23 Draw, 24 Duty.

Churchill  
Silent  
On H-Bomb

London, Apr. 13.

Britain's Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, today refused a socialist's request for information from the United States about the explosive power of the last hydrogen bomb detonated in the Pacific.

Mr R. W. Sorenson (Labour) asked for information on the radius and effect of the bomb. The Prime Minister told the House of Commons "the United States Government do their best within the limits laid down by the United States legislation to give us, as their close allies, such useful information on this subject as is possible under their law."

He added that the United States might well be discouraged if she knew it was immediately to be conveyed to the Soviet Government by public declaration in Parliament.

Sir Winston also refused to enter into discussion about the locality of future hydrogen bomb tests.—Reuter.

## GLAD IT WAS U.S.

Wellington, Apr. 13.

The New Zealand Prime Minister, Mr Sidney Holland, said tonight he was glad the hydrogen bomb had been developed by "a great and friendly ally, the United States of America."

"I hesitate to think where the rest of us would be but for America's strength and contribution to foreign aid," he told a Chamber of Commerce meeting here.

Mr Holland said the United States was carrying a terrific burden in the world. Posing the question "has Korea been worthwhile?" Mr Holland said: "I would say a thousand times over that it has. Not only Korea but Japan has been saved."

Mr Holland went on to say that if Korea had fallen, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, and Thailand would have done the same. Malaya had been endangered and Malaya was but a "hop, step and jump" to New Guinea, which was the "back door to Australia, next door to us."

Mr Holland said a realistic attitude had to be adopted towards the Japanese. Japan had 80,000,000 people and they were all entitled to live in the world. To do that, they must be permitted to trade.—Reuter.

Jap Fishermen  
"A Little Better"

Geneva, Apr. 13.

The former head of Tokyo's University Medical Faculty, Dr Masao Tsuzuki, said today that Tokyo University has wired him that all of the 23 Japanese fishermen burned by radioactive waves from the March 15-bomb explosion "are now becoming a little better."

But the doctor who treated the victims initially added, "Some of them still show a decrease in their white corpuscle blood count. If there would be an increase in their white corpuscle blood count they would definitely get better. Too steep a decline in the number of white blood cells will cause death." —United Press.

Strict Security  
Precautions For  
Tito In Turkey

Ankara, Apr. 13.

President Tito of Yugoslavia today swept through the streets of Ankara at 50 miles an hour in an armoured-plated limousine to lay a wreath at the Mausoleum of Kemal Ataturk, founder of the Turkish Republic.

Ranks of steel-helmeted troops lined the route and the streets were closed to traffic for 45 minutes.

Measures to guard President Tito, who arrived in Ankara yesterday on a three-day State visit, were criticised in the Republican Opposition press today. Yesterday a Government spokesman said the precautions were "the greatest ever seen" in Ankara.

After his drive to the Mausoleum, President Tito began talks with Turkish Government leaders at Cankaya Palace, residence of President Celal Bayar.

The Premier, Mr Adnan Menderes, the Foreign Minister Mr Fuad Kopru, and the Yugoslav Foreign Minister, Mr Kojan Popovic, were present during a four-hour discussion over lunch.

Usually reliable sources said discussion ranged over development of the three-Power Balkan Pact, the recently concluded \$28,000,000 trade agreement between Yugoslavia and Turkey, and the friendship pact between Turkey and Pakistan.

President Tito tonight received the heads of foreign diplomatic missions. Later he was dining with President Bayar, who arranged a reception in his honour.

Despite opposition criticism of the security measures most Turkish newspapers today paid warm tributes to President Tito and acclaimed his visit as a sign of Turkish-Yugoslav friendship.—Reuter.

Egyptian University  
Closed

Cairo, Apr. 13.

Alexandria University is to be closed indefinitely, the University authorities announced today.

They said this followed continued demonstrations in various faculties of the University and increasing absence of students from classes. University students in Cairo and Alexandria have been away from their books for the past fortnight campaigning for an end to Egypt's military regime and the immediate restoration of Parliamentary life.—Reuter.

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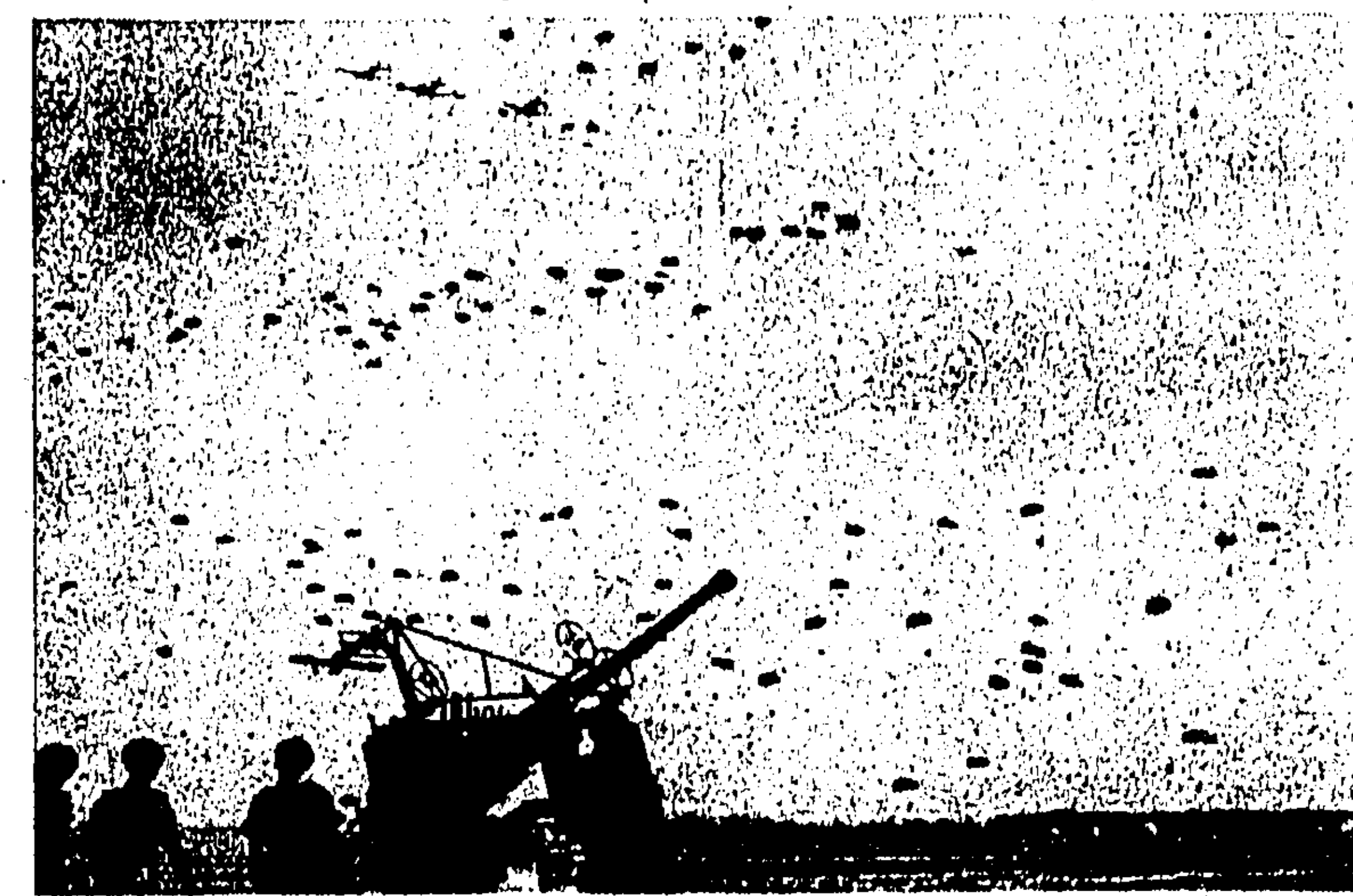
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Compensation For  
Survivors Of  
Empire Windrush

London, Apr. 13.

The Secretary of State for War, Mr Antony Head, announced in the House of Commons that compensation for the loss of belongings would be paid to the survivors from the troopship Empire Windrush, which sank in the Mediterranean last month after catching fire.

Mr Head said that married and unmarried soldiers were advised to insure their personal property and were warned that if they failed to do so no claim for compensation could be made. But there were many with property aboard the troopship who had not insured it and was clear that considerable hardship would arise if compensation were not paid.

In the exceptional circumstances ex gratia payments would be made to those whose losses were not covered.

Mr Head said certain restrictions would be imposed and compensation would not be paid out for valuables and luxuries that one would have expected to be insured. There would be no payment for diamonds.—China Mail Special.

Washington, Apr. 13.  
A revised report on United States battle casualties in Korea was issued today by the Defence Department.

The new report listed 23,106 killed in action, an increase of 210; a new total of 105,871 wounded, 64 more than the last report and 13,325 in the gross total for missing in action. The latter total was 217 less than previously reported.—Reuter.

Yugoslavia's Part  
In Tackling  
Trieste Problem

Washington, Apr. 13.

The newly-arrived Yugoslav Ambassador, Mr Leo Matos, said today Yugoslavia "has done so much to facilitate agreement on the Trieste problem but this demonstration of goodwill had not been sufficient to bring it about."

Shortly after presenting his credentials to President Eisenhower, Mr Matos told a press conference that in current negotiations on Trieste "Yugoslavia has made more concessions than the other side."

"We have made a really great effort," he said. "I have the impression this is fully recognized by some of the other power taking part in the negotiations."

The interested powers are the United States, Britain, France, Italy and Yugoslavia. Mr Matos said he considered it inadvisable to comment specifically on the Trieste situation now.—United Press.

New Tracks And  
Sleepers For  
London's Tubes

London, Apr. 14.

For the first time since London's underground railway system was built almost 50 years ago, new tracks and sleepers are being laid on 43 miles of the "Tube."

Work will take 18 years to complete as it can only be carried out during four hours each night when trains are not running.

The lines were completed in their present form in 1906 and 1907. The original tube tracks consist of sleepers made of jarran, an extra-hard Australian wood, set in concrete.

The concrete will be broken up, new jarran sleepers laid, and new continuous welded steel rails fitted to eliminate the clackety-clack of present trains.—China Mail Special.

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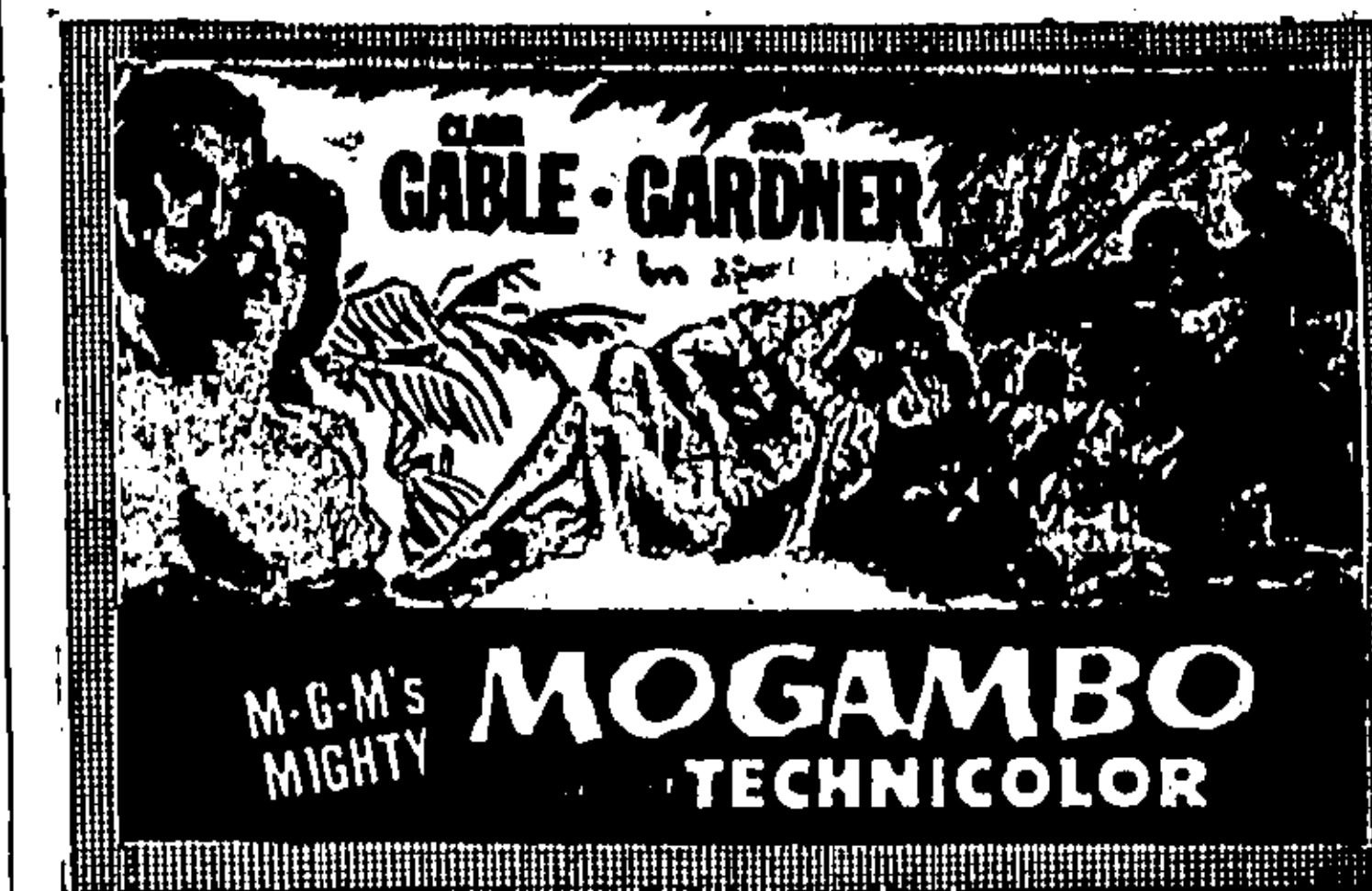


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Fr. Chopin

Mazurka Op. 6 No. 2 in C sharp minor

Berceuse Op. 67

Ballade Op. 23 in G minor

INTERVAL

Rondo Capriccioso Op. 16

F. Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

Prelude Op. 25 No. 3 in G major

S. Rachmaninoff

Scherzo-Valse

E. Chabrier

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Albeniz

Sevilla

I. Albeniz

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Ritual Fire Dance

M. de Falla

PRINCESS THEATRE

9.30 p.m. Monday,

April 26th, 1954.

PROGRAMME

Sonata Op. 25 D major

L. von Beethoven

Allergo

Schubert: Allegro Vivace

Rondo: Allegro ma non troppo

17 Variations for Piano Op. 24

F. Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

Ballade Op. 47 in A flat major

Fr. Chopin

11 Preludes for Op. 20

Fr. Chopin

No. 1 C major

No. 2 E minor

No. 3 G major

No. 4 B minor

No. 5 A major

No. 6 F sharp minor

No. 7 D sharp minor

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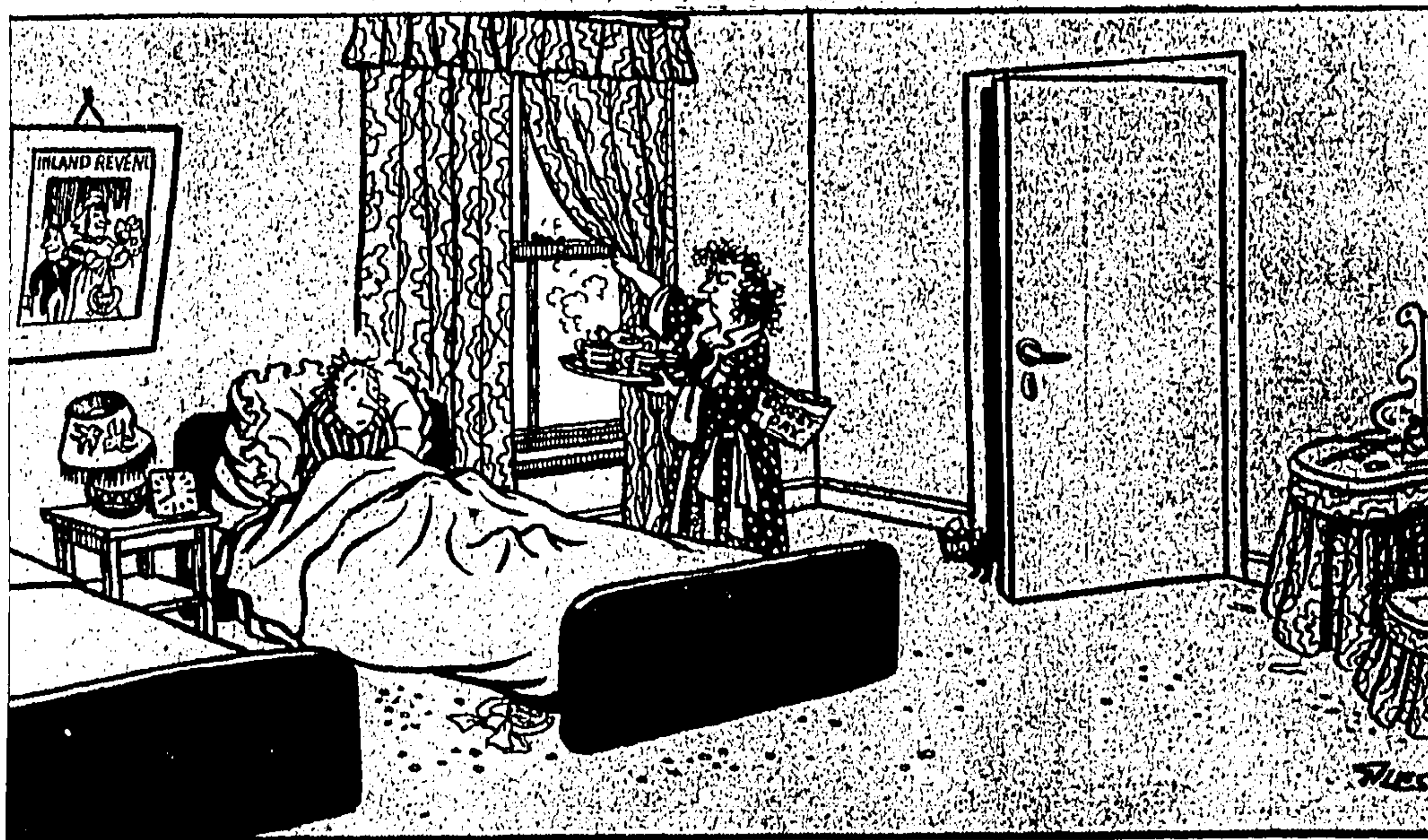
The Hongkong Anti-Tuberculosis Association is entering another year in the war against tuberculosis. In this great work, the Colony is taking its part with many other nations. In the universal effort to stay the heavy wastage of human lives exacted by this grim scourge. Scientists, doctors and others specialising in the treatment of tuberculosis throughout the world have made great discoveries during the last few years, and the fruits of their labours are being made available to sufferers from this disease here in Hongkong, through The Hongkong Anti-Tuberculosis Association.

Unfortunately, statistics show that the incidence of tuberculosis in Hongkong is more wide-spread than in most other parts of the world.

This grim fact does not dishearten the H.K.A.-T.B.A. because it is constantly fortified in the knowledge that, from the generous support given by Government, charitably-minded bodies and merchant houses, down to the humble worker, it is obvious that there is a common sympathetic understanding that this is a work of mercy which must continue.

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I've been thinking, darling—after getting married for income tax benefits, wouldn't it be awful if Butler put income tax UP

## Nathaniel Gubbins

THE Queen's reported remark to the Lord Mayor of Melbourne, "You are all wonderful," must give those with any imagination at all a glimpse of a social paradise few of us are likely to see.

For in a world in which we all thought each other wonderful, and all said we thought each other wonderful, there would be no place for the sneering remark, the discouraging word, the silly gossip and the savage, darting glances of jealousy.

Critics of the drama would always say that all actors and playwrights were wonderful and, in return, playwrights and actors would always say that the critics were wonderful, even if they also thought they were slightly wacky.

In certain tight little book circles (when I say "tight" I am not referring to publisher's cocktail parties) it has been agreed for many years that everybody in the circle is wonderful. Critic A always writes that Author B's latest book is wonderful, and when Critic A becomes an author, Author B often becomes a critic and writes that the new Author A is wonderful. The only people who rarely agree are the readers, or paying public.

Other tight little circles (and this time I mean "tight" and no nonsense) may be found at dinners that directors of big companies give to each other. At these happy functions, a director, full of after-dinner benevolence, will rise to say that another director is wonderful. Then this director will rise to say that the first speaker is wonderful. Then another director will rise to say that both of them are wonderful, until finally, everybody has had a chance to say that everybody else is wonderful.

Much happier staffs would give their devoted service if this spirit of mutual admiration could be projected into their offices the next morning.

Well, Jones. What do you think of your new assistant, Smith?

I think he's wonderful, sir.

So do I. And what's more, Jones, I think you're wonderful.

Thank you, sir. May I say something, sir?

Why, certainly, Jones.

We all think you're rather wonderful, sir.

Thank you, Jones. Thank you all.

Two places where people do not think everybody else is wonderful are the House of Commons and Fleet Street.

If it happened in politics we should have a dictatorship. You may remember that everybody in Germany thought Hitler was wonderful, or else.

If it happened in Fleet Street we should think we had all gone mad.

But to the four readers (all relatives) who think I am wrong

derful, I can only say, "I think you're wonderful, too."

### Diary Of A Worm

PROUD worm in new spring tweed suit asks wife what she thinks of it.

Wife swings worm round by shoulders, tugs viciously at rear of jacket, jerking worm back a couple of paces. Then she swings worm round again, tugs at lapels, bringing worm forward a couple of paces, crumples material in her hand to feel quality, and delivers her verdict.

Oh, so this is what worm has been squandering paltry pittance on, is it? Although wife is all in favour of worm discarding moth-eaten, smelly clothes for something new only fool like worm would find a tailor who makes suits out of tissue paper.

If worm had asked wife's advice instead of going to tissue paper tailor, who probably cuts suits out on kitchen table in back alley, wife would have made sure that worm got value for money. At least worm would have looked presentable instead of looking like dwarf tripper on day's outing at Margate.

Of course, if worm had fine, commanding figure like gas manager it wouldn't matter so much if worm wore paper suit, or even if he got charwoman to make it in her spare time. But worm being what he is, only Saville Row tailor could do anything with worm's puny figure, bulging stomach and stumpy legs.

And perhaps worm could have gone to Saville Row tailor if idle, good-for-nothing worm had worked hard like gas manager with broad shoulders, flat stomach and narrow hips could wear anything off peg, gas manager, thanks to thrift and shrewd investments, can not only afford to go to best tailors

and wear tweeds with easy nonchalance like country gentleman but can also afford to buy wife mink coat.

That is why perfectly dressed gas manager has gone from peak to peak, mixing with tip tops and belonging to good clubs, able to take wife in mink coat to dinner to meet Mrs Tip Tops, while worm in paper suit pours money over counters in low taverns, mixing with low worms and ogling blonde barmaids while wife sits at home listening to news about atom bombs and turning cuffs of old overcoat.

All wife can hope is that worm won't wear paper suit in office where only heads can appear in anything but neat, dark clothes and where worm is already marked man. Paper suit may be all right at home during week-ends, when worm will only be laughing stock of Worm's Avenue, but if under-sized worm is seen in cheap, vulgar tweeds by hawk-eyed head of department that will be the end of worm's so-called career as office drudge and worm and wife will end up in gutter.

Both theories are being considered by those in charge of investigations following injuries inflicted on Manhattan Mousers' famous Sugar Puss outside the kitchen door on the night of March 22.

Three milk bottles were broken in a disturbance that roused the neighbourhood. The Sugar Puss returned home limping, with one eye closed and suffering from shock.

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Although it is well known that gang warfare exists among local rough necks for the exclusive rights to some of the better filled dustbins these familiar with cats are aware that even alley Toms, without birth or breeding, are too chivalrous to offer violence to a female, unless you count arduous in the lists of love as violence.

Therefore it is considered possible that Lottie may have found herself in the no man's land between the opposing gangs at the moment when they were joined in a battle, which might have been fought for her favours.

On the other hand it has been realised for some time that the supremacy in popularity, beauty and social position which The Sugar Puss has enjoyed for so long cannot remain unchallenged for ever.

Rumours of jellied rabbit eaten two or three times a day, of saucers of cream and bits of chicken taken as snacks, of nights spent in an armchair in front of a warm stove and an obvious preference for her undoubted charms shown, not only by local cats, but by her rich American friend, Manhattan Mouser, may have brought to a head the envy and frustration long suppressed by the unwanted and the under-privileged.

It is thought probable that the injury to her eye, now happily mending, may have been a deliberate attempt to spoil her looks. The fact that her supper on the kitchen floor remained untouched suggests that the motive for the assault was not robbery.

Meanwhile the investigators are anxious to interview certain cats known to have been in the district on the night of March 22.

The police are baffled, as usual.

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## IS THERE A PRODIGY IN THE HOUSE?

By J. W. Taylor

NOW and then in the world's news one reads of the prodigious propensities of a prodigy able to read the Bible at two years of age or perhaps prattle in Latin, Greek and French at three. One prodigy in the sphere of mathematics was that pride of Devon, George Bidder, the two-year-old son of a stone-mason. He would have been a heaven-sent gift to a busy bank manager, for this toddler had no difficulty in computing the compound interest on £4,444 for 4,444 days at 4½ percent per annum in two minutes dead.

He had, however, nothing on Truman Safford, who became a mathematical scholar before he was eight. Two years later he was asked to multiply in his head 365 by itself five times. He gave the correct answer running into 33 figures within one minute. Apparently it was all done by a spontaneous mental picture, but not before the lad had quite a tussle with the problem, for he "flew round the room like a top, pulled his pantaloons over the top of his boots, hit his hand, rolled his eyes, sometimes smiling and talking, and then seemingly in agony" during his amazing mental calculations. A broad grin, and he had the right answer.

Infant prodigies are nearly always born boys. One of the world's outstanding mental specialists was Lord Macaulay. He edited a nursery paper at five, composed a treatise on Christianity at eight, wrote a serious history of the universe at seven, and years after reading them as a child could quote from memory chunks of verse, columns of newspaper items and pages from books.

Dr Johnson could read easily at three and could memorise a collect after only twice reading it through, whilst Dean Swift, Lord Byron and John Stuart Mills each displayed similar mental capacities. Mills was well into Greek at the age of three. A reader at three, with his own 800-volume library, at Eaton, Henry Tadshaw, as a lad read through in one year all the standard English poets.

The remarkable William Sidle could read at two. He lectured a group of learned professors when he was eleven on the fourth dimension, and not one of them could catch him out. His youthful brilliance faded, however, and he became a clerk, dying in obscurity at 48. The American prodigy from Brooklyn, Arthur Greenwood, knew his alphabet at 12 months and was a Master of Physics at eleven years of age.

Handel, Haydn, Richard Strauss and Mendelssohn each

eleven years of age.

your tight and practice things and darned worn ballet shoes.

Food is so important that you and it best to cook your own. You wouldn't dare go to a late party. You hardly have time to read a book.

2—The pay isn't much. Members of a quite good corps-de-ballet usually get from £7 to £12 a week. At the other end of the scale English women stars have been known to draw in one case £23,000, in another case £4,000 a year.

3—The career is short. This handicaps men more than women. At forty a danseur is at the end, or near it. What then? Teaching? "Ballet" everybody tells me, "there are too many teachers in the profession already." So he has to cast around for another job, preferably acting, another highly competitive and overcrowded profession. Is it surprising that the poor man starts stomach ulcers?

4—Jobs are chancy, even when you are still young. Every ballet mother I spoke to—and many of the fathers—said in effect: "There are so many dancers out of work today that it's positively scary."

An English ballet company founded four months ago after touring at home and occasionally abroad for 10 years. Seventy dancers, whose lives had been dedicated to the ballet from the age of 10, were thrown on the streets. Some have been absorbed by a newly founded company which opens routine practice (grimly called "class"), in the morning, and rehearsal in the afternoon, performance at night. Unless you are a top dancer with a maid to look after these things you will spend much of Sunday washing

1—The dancer's life is as cut-off as a nun's, and about the hardest known. Typical working day is from 10 a.m. until 11 p.m. There's routine practice (grimly called "class"), in the morning, and rehearsal in the afternoon, performance at night. Unless you are a top dancer with a maid to look after these things you will spend much of Sunday washing

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Hongkong, 14th Apr., 1954.

NOTICE

HONG KONG MINES, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Third Floor, Prince's Building, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong, on Tuesday the 27th April, 1954, at Noon for the purpose of:-

- (1) Receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statements of Account.
- (2) Election of Directors.
- (3) Election of Auditors.
- (4) General.

The Transfer Books and Register of Members will be closed during the fourteen days immediately preceding the Ordinary Yearly Meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
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Hongkong, 12th April, 1954.

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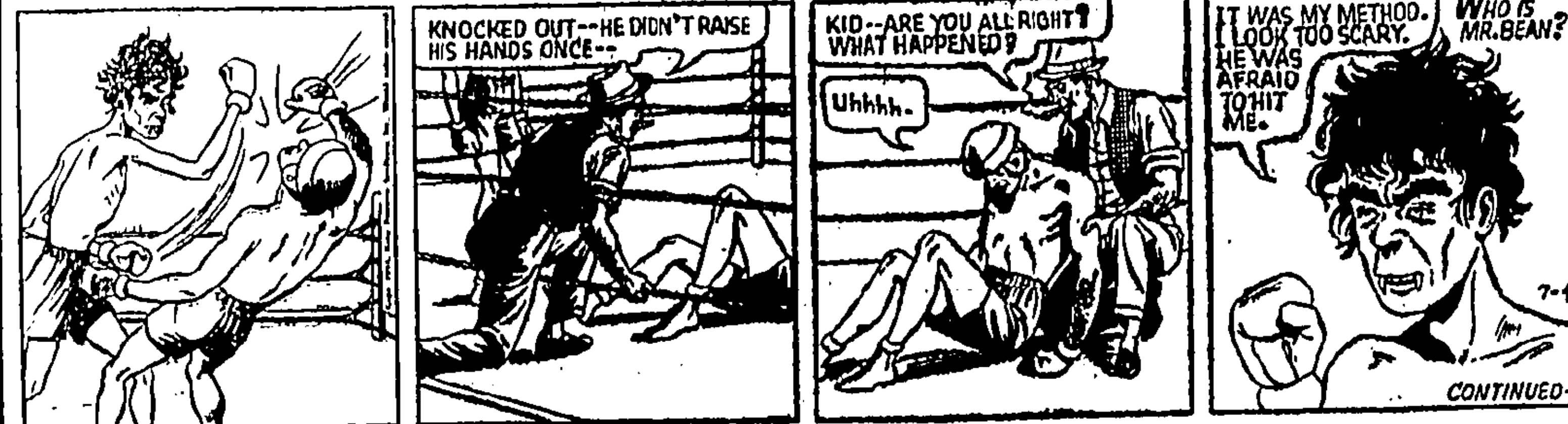
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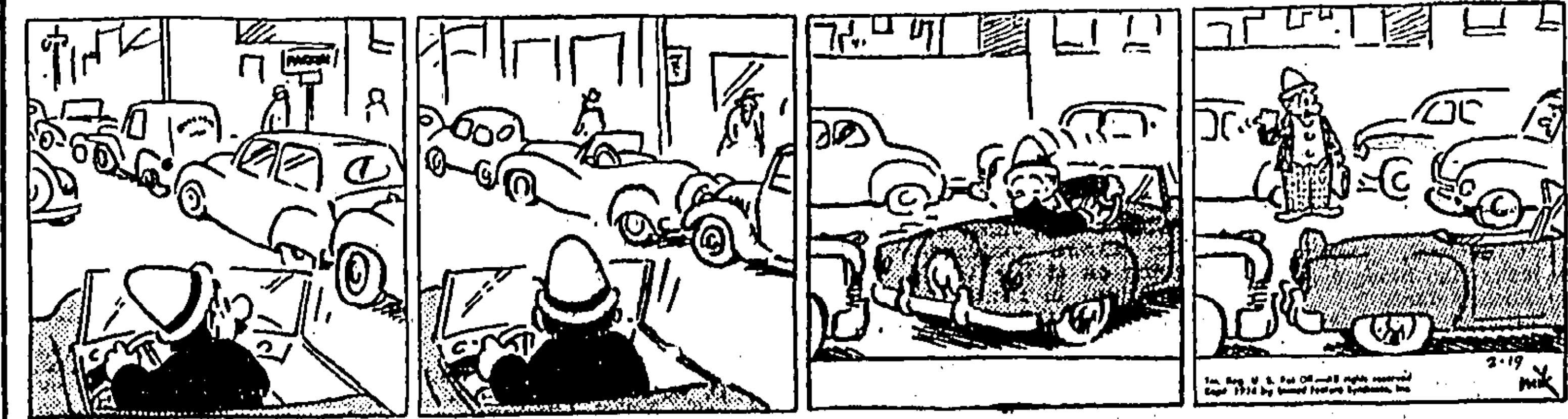
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## Japan Building Three Tankers: Two At \$122 A dw Ton

Tokyo, Apr. 13.

The Japanese shipbuilding companies have concluded contracts for exports of two tankers to Panama and one tanker to Liberia under a link trade system with crude sugar.

The Japan Steel Tube Manufacturing Company has concluded a contract for the export of a 34,200 dwt tanker to Liberia with the Trans-Ocean Marine Corporation.

A spokesman of the firm said the contract provided for the construction of the ship within 18 months after conclusion of the contract at a cost of 123 dollars per deadweight ton.

The spokesman said the shipowner would pay 40 per cent of the ship price at the time of delivery and the rest in instalments over five years.

The shipbuilding company has concluded contracts with the Castella Compania Naviera S.A. and the Hydrocarbons Compania Naviera S.A. in Panama for the export of two 32,000 dwt tankers.

A spokesman of the firm said the first ship would be built within 18 months and the second within 18 months after conclusion of the contracts at a cost of 122 dollars per deadweight ton.

The shipowners would pay 10 per cent of the ship price at the conclusion of the contracts, 30 per cent by the time of delivery and the rest in instalments over five years, he said.

The export of the three ships are subject to approval of the Government and of the Japan Export and Import Bank, according to the two firms.

Trade circles said that another contract for the export of a 35,000 dwt tanker by the Mitsui Shipbuilding Company to the San Nicolas Company of Liberia is under consideration.

—China Mail Special.

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		29th Apr.			
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## Japan Will Build More Ships

Tokyo, Apr. 12.

Japan will build an additional 970,000 gross tons of ocean-going vessels on a five-year plan beginning in the financial year 1954 in order to carry on trade smoothly, the Economic Deliberation Board announced.

The Board considered the following points in working out the plan: Firstly, with the country's imports estimated at \$2,000 million a year, the nation will have to earn freightage income of about \$300 million in invisible trade account.

Secondly, in the plan, import volume in the financial year 1958 is estimated at 32 million tons in addition to 8,600,000 tons of oil and export volume at 8,600,000 tons.

Japanese vessels are required to carry 55 per cent of imports against 42 per cent in the financial year of 1953, 40 per cent of the exports against 38 per cent in 1953, and 60 per cent of the oil against 55 per cent in 1953.

Thirdly, in order to increase the percentage of cargoes to be carried by Japanese vessels, it will be necessary to boost freightage income by about 740,000 gross tons and oil tanker tonnage by 240,000 gross tons, making a total of about 970,000 gross tons.

Fourthly, construction funds needed will amount to Yen 118,000 million (with shipbuilding cost estimated to come down by ten per cent from the 1953 financial year).

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## JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK KEEPING UP

LIFE seemed always a jump or two ahead of the sandy-haired little woman named Margaret, who lived with her three young sons in the big block of flats in Clerkenwell.

She was always breathlessly trying to keep up. Not trying to keep up with the neighbours, or keep up appearances. Nothing so ambitious.

Her difficulty was to keep up with the rent, to keep up with the clock on the kitchen wall, that ticked away the day so fast nothing ever seemed to get done, to keep up with the cooking, the mending, the washing, the shopping, all those things most women are so gifted in managing.

LOOK, MUM, LOOK...

THE day Margaret's two elder boys, 14 years old and eight, came in and said: "Mum... Mum... Look, Mum... Oh, Mum, do look what we got..." She had no time, perhaps no energy either, to do more than cry out: "Do stop calling, can't you?"

"We got two bikes, Mum. Mum, we found them on the bomb damage, Mum," the boys screamed.

"Well, you're not to bring them in here, put them in the passage," Margaret said, not really listening.

The boys passed the bicycles against the passage wall and looked at them lovingly each time they passed. Margaret cursed the things each time she lumped into them on her way to the door.

THE POLICEMAN CALLS

ONE day, when the door-bell rang, there was a policeman on the step. He saw the bicycles. "Oh, so there they are," he said. "Those bicycles have been reported stolen from the rack in the yard."

"The kids found 'em on the bomb damage," Margaret said, flustered and frightened.

A day or two later, at a juvenile court, the two boys were found guilty of stealing the machines. Margaret was brought to the Clerkenwell court, charged with receiving the stolen bicycles, and found guilty. She was remanded for further inquiries about her to be made.

When she was brought back a probation officer went into the witness-box, and said to Mr. Frank Powell, the magistrate: "This woman was married in 1933 and divorced in 1953."

HER HOME

"SHE has three boys, the youngest three years old. She gets 10s. a week from her husband for one of the children, and draws £2 10s. a week National Assistance."

"She augments this by daily cleaning when she can get it, but says she would not get a regular job, as she wouldn't like the youngest child to go into a nursery. I gather she makes 5s. to 10s. a week, cleaning."

"What about her home?" the magistrate asked.

"She admits it's got into a bad state," said the probation officer. The magistrate read through a report he had been given. He asked Margaret what she had to say.

UNHAPPY, AFRAID

"NOTHING," Margaret said, red-eyed, humble, overwhelmed by events.

"Well it's quite obvious you have not much sense of your responsibility," said the magistrate. "You aren't even looking after your children properly."

He glanced again at the report. "I understand your place was dirty, and that you've neglected everything."

Margaret sniffed, and dabbed her eyes. She was put on probation and although that probably was the best thing that could possibly have happened to her, she seemed to find no solace in it.

She went out looking unhappy and afraid, back into the world that was full of clocks ticking time away too fast for her, ogres in conspiracy to defeat her utterly.

## Appeal Against A Magistrate's Verdict Dismissed

An appeal against conviction in a Magistrate's Court on a charge of possession of heroin was dismissed by Mr Justice C. W. Reece, at the Appeal Court, this morning.

The appeal was brought by Chong Shing, who was convicted by Mr T. Creedon on February 12 for having in his possession or under his control a dangerous drug contrary to the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance.

The appellant was represented by Mr O. V. Cheung, instructed by Mr Arthur Lul. Mr D.N.E. Rea, Crown Counsel, appeared for the Crown.

In his judgment dismissing the appeal, Mr Justice Reece said:

"The appellant was convicted by Mr Magistrate Creedon on February 12, 1954, for having in his possession or under his control a dangerous drug to wit 80 packets heroin contrary to Section 10 of the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance."

Mr Cheung for the appellant objected to the conviction on two grounds: viz that the charge is not properly framed and (2) that there was no evidence to establish that possession was in the accused.

As to the first objection, it must be conceded that as drafted, the charge is not in strict accord with the language of the section of the ordinance under which it purports to be brought. But it is easy to understand how the error in drafting was created. Section 15 of the Ordinance provides that if there was evidence to show that the accused had the drug under his control, it might be presumed against him that he had it in his possession. The person responsible for framing the charge has incorporated the presumption in the charge. This is clearly wrong, but in my view it is a defect of not much consequence, and could have been corrected by the prosecution. In my view this defect in the charge has caused no miscarriage of justice and on that ground I will not quash the conviction.

THE EVIDENCE

As to the ground that there was no evidence of actual physical possession in the accused, the evidence is that the appellant was in a room with another man and a woman bending over a bed busy at something. As the door was opened the appellant is alleged to have jumped back from the bed while the other man dropped something on the floor. This "something" turned out to be a packet of heroin. The appellant was found with a small packet of heroin, orange and red paper. These were later found to contain heroin. No heroin was found on the person of the appellant who said that the packets had nothing to do with him.

On that evidence Mr Cheung contended that the appellant could not properly be convicted and, in support, Mr Cheung directed the Court's attention to a case of a similar nature (the name of which I cannot recall and of which the record cannot be traced) in which the Full Court of Appeal held that a member held that the appellant could not be convicted as he was not proved to be in possession of the drug nor to have had it under his control.

FACTS DIFFERENT

The facts were different and that case is readily distinguishable from this one. In that case the appellant was not in the room in which the drug was found, and indeed, a servant of the owner had been left in charge. In the present case there was in my view sufficient evidence before the learned Magistrate upon which he could have found that there was a joint possession between the appellant and the other person charged. The fact that there was no exclusive possession proved to be in the appellant would not save him from conviction, for I do not accept the argument that there must be proved to be exclusive possession in the appellant. In the case of Charles Cook 8 Cr. App. 891, Cook was convicted of receiving stolen property, although the bicycle remained all the time exclusively in the possession of the thief, Avery J. stating:

"In the opinion of the Court there was evidence here on which the jury might come to the conclusion that the two men were in joint possession of the bicycle, and that the appellant, being a leading part in the arrangements for disposing of the bicycle, was in fact not there was no specific direction on the subject, but the Court thinks that the question

## Disastrous Baghdad Floods



Flood water swirls along part of Skikh Omar Street, Baghdad, with victims making their way to refuge with the aid of horse and cart in the floods around Baghdad resulting from the River Tigris overflowing its banks. It is estimated that some £25 million damage has been caused by the floods. Thousands of people fled from Baghdad in the worst floods the City has known for several centuries. Some of Iraq's best vegetable and fruit gardens have been inundated and large quantities of crops lost. — London Express.

## Prosecution Concludes Its Case

The case for the Prosecution against six men charged with robbery with aggravation on board a fishing junk last Christmas concluded before Mr Justice J. Reynolds at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The six men, Chan Chi-kwong, Chan Ping, Lam Tai, Tsui Sin-wah, Lee Hung-kwong, and Po Hung-sing, were alleged to have robbed Chun Fook-ll, a fisherman, of a motor, a quantity of rice and fish on board his junk off Fan Ching Chau on December 25, last year.

A jury of two women and five men was empanelled. Mr John Hobley, Crown Counsel, prosecuted, assisted by Det. Insp. D. Brown.

Chief Insp. G. A. Willerton testified that at an identification parade held in the Marine Police Station on December 26, last, two of the Prosecution witnesses had identified the first, second, fifth and sixth accused as having taken part in the robbery.

The statements in answer to the charge allegedly made by the six accused, in which they admitted having taken part in the robbery, were challenged by the accused who alleged that they were made involuntarily and under duress.

The statements were later ruled inadmissible by the Judge after hearing evidence by the Police Interpreter, Mr Yuen Kin-kwong, and the statements made by the accused from the Dock.

Hearing is continuing.

## LABOUR PARTY SPLIT

(Continued from Page 1)

ment made after the Eden-Dulles talks. The left-wingers had submitted their motion to the shadow cabinet as a matter of Party procedure.

The motion "regretted the Foreign Secretary's statement" did not make clear that the Government cannot be committed to the support of French colonial policy in Indo-China, it further regretted "that such a statement should be made without the concurrence of the Indian and other Commonwealth Governments." — Reuter.

## Winding-Up Petition: Counsel Says Judge Has Widest Possible Discretion

A submission that if in the circumstances of the case his Lordship was driven to the conclusion that justice and equity required a winding up, his Lordship had the widest possible discretion and that there was no limit to that discretion so long as it was a judicial discretion, was made by Mr D. A. L. Wright, Counsel for petitioner in his address on the law in the resumed hearing of a petition for the winding up of Messrs George Falconer and Co. (H.K.) Ltd., Union Building, before the Acting Chief Justice, Mr Justice T. J. Gould in the Supreme Court this morning.

The petitioner, Mr James Joseph Osborne King, goldsmith and silversmith, of 20 Briza Circuit, and a former Director of Falconer's, is petitioning for the winding up of the Company under the provision of the Companies Ordinance, Cap. 22.

Petitioner is represented by Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, Mr D. A. L. Wright and Mr Patrick Yu, all instructed by Mr M. A. da Silva.

The petition is opposed by Mr J. B. Ipekdljan, share-holder, and Mr M. W. H. Seymour, on behalf of Messrs George Falconer and Co. (H.K.) Ltd., for whom the Hon. Leo d'Almada, QC, Mr John McNeill, QC, and Mr A. J. Clifford, all instructed by Mr G. Hampton, of Messrs Hastings and Company are appearing.

Mr R. W. S. Winter, instructed by Mr F. D. Hammond of Messrs Johnson, Stokes and Master, is appearing for Mr J. B. Ipekdljan and Mr M. W. H. Seymour as individual shareholders.

Mr Winter, also instructed by Mr Hammond, is also representing Mr J. B. Ipekdljan as creditor of the company, and Messrs Ipekdljan Bros., as creditors.

Mr W. K. Thomson appears for the Official Receiver as provisional liquidator.

THE CLAIMS

In his petition, the petitioner claims: (a) The affairs of the Company are at a deadlock; (b) J.B. Ipekdljan and/or M.W.H. Seymour have been guilty of conduct injurious to the business of the Company; (c) Ipekdljan has been treating the Company and its business and assets as his own property to the exclusion of the petitioner; (d) Refusal by Ipekdljan and/or Seymour to give due and proper information of the affairs and finances of the Company, the exclusion of the petitioner from the affairs of the Company, the non-furnishing of accounts, concealment of business dealings of the Company done by the petitioner; (e) The petitioner, as the majority shareholder, has been treated with hostility and animosity that precludes all hope of reconciliation and friendly co-operation.

Mr Wright yesterday said that Falconer's was a private company owned substantially by two shareholders. It consisted of 5,000 five per cent accumulative preference shares of £1 each and 5,000 ordinary shares of £1 each. Ipekdljan held 51 per cent of the shares and Seymour held at the most two shares in each category. King was the registered owner of 25 shares in each category and was the beneficial owner of the balance of the 49 per cent of the shares, for the Company transferred these to him but refused to register him.

PRINCIPLES QUOTED

Mr Wright this morning said that when the Court rose yesterday he was addressing his Lordship on the point in a petition of a nature of the present petition the principles applicable to the dissolution of a partnership were to be applied and that he had cited a passage from a case reported in 2 Chancery 1010.

After quoting two further cases, Mr Wright said that the principles applicable in the present case were to be applied and that he had cited a passage from a case reported in 2 Chancery 1010.

Counsel said that those principles had been applied in the Courts in Hong Kong, and in at least two cases in which he appeared.

In the circumstances of the present case, his Lordship was driven to the conclusion

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

By Air  
Japan, 6 p.m.  
Formosa, 6 p.m.  
Thailand, 6 p.m.  
Malaya, 6 p.m.  
Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.  
Burma, India, Ceylon, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.  
Macao, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

By Air  
India, Ceylon, 10 a.m.  
Japan, 1 p.m.  
Formosa, 1 p.m.  
Burma, India, Ceylon, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 11 a.m.  
Macao, 11 a.m.  
China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m.  
Korea, 8.30 a.m.  
Japan, Hawaii, U.S.A., Central & South America, 8.30 a.m.  
India, Pakistan, 8.30 a.m.  
Malaya, Indonesia, 8.30 a.m.  
Macao, 8.30 a.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

By Air  
Philippines, 6 a.m.  
Thailand, Burma, India, Ceylon, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 10 a.m.  
Burma, India, Ceylon, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 11 a.m.  
Formosa, Japan, Korea, 2 p.m.  
Burma, India, Ceylon, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 2 p.m.  
Japan, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.  
Burma, India, Ceylon, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 8.30 a.m.  
China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m.

## Radio Hongkong

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6. Summery: 6.05, Lucky Dip, Varieties, Requests presented by Margherita Burton, 6.15, En Zai Pussage de Madrid: 7.15, Orchestra of the Week-Orchestra Stabile Accademia di Brera, 8.15, Letter from America by Alistair Cooke (Recorded London Relay); 9.00, Weather Report; 9.15, Time Signal, Wednesday (London Relay); 9.30, News Talk (London Relay) or Special Announcement; 9.45, Memorial Moments in Music; Comedy: 9.50, Piano Recital by Maria Chow (Concert Hall); 10.15, Time Signal, Wednesday Theatre: "The Tempest" by William Shakespeare Produced by Anthony Bernard. Played by the London Chamber Orchestra, with the London Chamber Choir. (BBCRS); 10.50, Weather Report; 11. Time Signal, Radio News Reel (London Relay); 11.15, Goodnight Music; God Save the Queen; 11.30, Close down.

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